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PRESIDENT: If I may have your attention we are debating on General File LB568 before we sent the committee out to escort the Governor. AT that particular time Senator Luedtke was speaking and Senator Murphy had asked the chance to be heard on this particular issue and of course the issue before the body is shall LB568 be indefinitely postponed. A motion made by Senator DeCamp. Now then I think that we can begin the debate. It appears that the committee is back. We again take up the debate on 568 to indefinitely postpone and the Chair recognizes Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: Just very briefly, we publicly cry about the lack of discipline in our schools, the lack of discipline at home, the lack of law enforcement on our streets, the lack of efficiency in our courts and we stand here now prepared to do the very same thing to relax our responsibility to the public which does have a right. Society is comprised with individuals who have rights every bit as important as one individual. We are about to justify increasing this crime, the nature of this crime, we are going to give substance to the statement that there is no such thing being a little bit pregnant. This law will not be pregnant until it reaches its ninth month. This body and this statute puts no man in prison. The only person who puts a man in prison is the man who elects to put his rights before the rights of others. I urge the support in this motion to kill.

PRESIDENT: Is there any further discussion on the motion to indefinitely postpone? Anybody else wish to be heard on the motion? Chair recognizes Senator Luedtke.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Mr. President, since we were cut off, there was one other matter which I wanted to bring to the attention of the legislature. Senator Richendifer who is not here today as you recall when the bill was debated the last time had a motion to reduce this amount to \$300. I think that the that there are many in this body that would like to give this bill a chance to work, but can't bring themselves to vote for even \$500. There are some who suggested that if you make it \$200 lets give it a chance for a year and see the effect in a year or two

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I would want to tell the members of the Legislature that I have a motion up there in the absence of Senator Richendifer to reduce this amount to \$200 just to give it a chance to work to prove to you that this theory is correct.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nore we are debating whether the bill should be indefinitely postponed.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. President, fellow members I wonder with the if we get the pre-trial release program going in Iowa like we visited last week, the Budget Committee and the Judiciary Committee, that we will need this legislation. Now I understand that under the pre-trial release program that you can commit a felony and in what is 36 hours or 26 hours you can get

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